

Amendments to the Specification

- i) Please replace the following title to page 1, line 1:

~~**Use of N-octanoyl amino acids as slimming cosmetic and
pharmaceutical active agent**~~

An N-Octanoyl Amino Acid Composition for Slimming the Human Body

- ii) Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1:

This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a) and (b) 1 to French Application No. 0301395, filed February 21, 2003, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

- iii) Please insert the following subtitles:

At page 1, line 1:

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 4:

2. Related Art

At page 1, line 26:

Summary of the Invention

At page 2, line 4:

Description of Preferred Embodiments

At page 12, line 3:

Examples

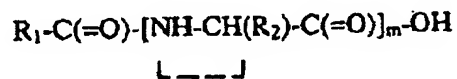
- iv) Please add the following paragraph to page 18, line 38:

It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.

- v) Please delete page 21 in its entirety.
- vi) Please add to a new page 21, starting at line 1, the following subtitle and paragraph:

Abstract of the Disclosure

The method of utilizing a composition as a slimming agent in a formulation containing a cosmetically acceptable medium, wherein said composition is represented by formula (I):



wherein R₁ is at least one a linear, branched, saturated or unsaturated, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having 7 carbon atoms, wherein R₂ is an amino acid chain, and wherein m is in the range of from about 1 to about 50.